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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary Amendment: SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

In Paragraphs [0029] to [0042], please amend the paragraphs as follows:

- [0029] Figure 2 is a schematic view of a diagram representing a prestressed ball;
- [0030] Figure 3 is a perspective view of a cam constituting the nut;
- [0031] Figure 4 is a schematic view of a diagram representing a step of generating a helical cam surface;
- [0032] Figure 5 is a another schematic view of a diagram representing the positioning of two cams with respect to each other on the driving shaft of the actuator;
- [0033] Figure 6 ~~schematically~~ shows a partial schematic and sectional view of the positioning of two pairs of cams with respect to each other, in which the ball re-circulation zones are regularly distributed around the driving shaft;
- [0034] Figure 7 shows a partial perspective view of an example of inner surface of the tubular body having ball-races formed by a wire wound into a spiral;
- [0035] Figures 8 and 9 ~~schematically~~ show perspective and sectional views of ball-races formed by a first wound wire and an intermediate second wire arranged between the windings of the first wire;
- [0036] Figure 10 ~~schematically~~ shows a sectional view of ball-races formed by plastic distortion of an inner tube arranged in the tubular body;
- [0037] Figure 11 ~~schematically~~ shows a partial perspective view of a step of welding of the inner tube in the tubular body;
- [0038] Figure 12 shows a longitudinal cross-sectional view of an actuator structure of a telescopic type;
- [0039] Figure 13 shows another sectional view of the actuator of figure 12 in unfolded position;
- [0040] Figure 14 ~~schematically~~ shows a schematic view of the positioning of a ball resting between the nut and a ball-race;
- [0041] Figure 15 is a cross-sectional and perspective view of the balls when they arrive in a re-circulation zone;
- [0042] Figure 16 is a schematic view of a diagram representing the positioning of two cams with respect to each other.